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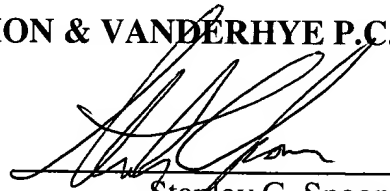
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The above-identified application was filed on October 30, 2001. However, since then applicant has not received any Official Action from the Patent Office regarding the application. Inquiry is made as to when an Action will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

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